



We've been working hard all summer to bring you some exciting updates in this bimonthly edition of the Trainer Community update.

New Portfolio Manager Express Video about spreadsheet uploads

ENERGY STAR has posted a new 5-minute training video about how to use the spreadsheet upload template to populate meter data in Portfolio Manager. Watch the video online or download to share with others. You can watch and download the suite of eight Express Videos on various Portfolio Manager functions [here](#).

Portfolio Manager data quality enhancements

By the end of September, ENERGY STAR will release a major set of enhancements related to alerts about data quality. We've already improved all of the alert text in the tool by providing specific instructions about what is wrong and how to fix it. We will also be adding new alert icons throughout the application, and redesigning the Data Quality Checker. All of these enhancements will help users check and correct their own data, and should be an important part of training in order to teach users how to trouble shoot. Join the upcoming [Ask the Expert: Portfolio Manager Office Hours on Data Quality Enhancements webinar on October 1 at 1:00pm EDT](#) to learn more about these changes.

Possible 1-100 score for water efficiency in multifamily properties

ENERGY STAR is working with EPA's WaterSense® program to assess the feasibility of creating a 1-100 score for water efficiency in multifamily properties. The data source for this analysis is a 2013 survey conducted by Fannie Mae. EPA plans to collect supplemental data to support this analysis through our own survey to be released this fall. If you are working with multifamily properties, keep an eye out for this survey and keep your Portfolio Manager account updated – this is a great opportunity to help EPA learn more about water use in multifamily properties. Stay tuned!

Track waste in Portfolio Manager in 2016

We are excited to announce that we have targeted Spring 2016 for the release of Portfolio Manager enhancements that will allow users to track waste diversion. The tool will provide tracking for four main types of waste (each of which will include several sub-categories): disposed, donated, recycled, and composted. The tool will also provide calculated metrics for Total Waste for each category. EPA will host a webinar in the spring to provide more details about these coming enhancements.

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